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Global tax policy in response to COVID-19: Global tax and economic responses to the crisis

Governments around the world are actively taking steps to protect their economies from the economic damage being caused by the COVID-19 virus. Whether through tax cuts, investment incentives or changes to filing deadlines, tax will play a significant part in helping alleviate the financial and economic turmoil that is now occurring. Policy changes across the globe are being proposed and implemented daily, making it more important than ever for businesses to stay abreast of developments.

On March 27, 2020, a panel of EY professionals hosted the first in a series of webinars on the tax and economic policy actions governments around the globe are taking in response to the COVID-19 crisis. During this well-attended event, we asked the participants how this pandemic is affecting their companies, what types of stimulus would help most, and how their governments can best assist them.

Webcast Polling Questions and Results

As governments across the globe continue to develop policies designed to support individuals and businesses during this crisis, what type of economic stimulus would be most meaningful to your company or organization?

- ▶ **Industry specific assistance | 25%**
- ▶ **New/expanded employer tax credits | 25%**
- ▶ **Direct subsidies to employee sector | 25%**

- ▶ Other | 13%
- ▶ Expansion of net operating loss carryback rules | 12%

What are the most significant challenges facing your company during this economic crisis? [select all that apply]

- ▶ **Disruption to your workforce | 54%**

- ▶ Less demand for your products | 34%
- ▶ Supply chain disruption | 24%
- ▶ Difficulty in accessing capital | 14%

How much longer do you anticipate the disruption from the COVID-19 health crisis to last?

- ▶ **Three to six months | 60%**

- ▶ Six to twelve months | 23%
- ▶ One month | 10%
- ▶ Longer than twelve months | 7%

What type of relief from your government would be most meaningful for your company at this time?

- ▶ **Support for employee retention efforts | 25%**

- ▶ Fiscal policy measures, including grants and direct payments | 19%
- ▶ Tax credits for COVID-19 related losses and expenses | 19%
- ▶ Tax filing and tax payment deferrals | 17%
- ▶ Monetary policy measures | 15%
- ▶ Expansion of ability to use losses to offset taxes (e.g., net operating loss carrybacks) | 5%

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us to discuss this webcast ([click here for replay](#)), polling results or any of your COVID-19 related tax concerns. Watch for the next in this webinar series on global tax policy actions in response to COVID-19 coming to you on **April 28, 2020**.

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EY Global Tax Policy Tracker

Tax policy changes across the globe are being proposed and implemented on a daily basis to alleviate the financial and economic turmoil that is now occurring, and we know that tax will play a significant role in recovery. The EY Global Tax Policy Tracker provides a daily snapshot of the tax policy changes that have been announced in countries around the world in response to the ongoing crisis. [Link to the EY Global tax policy tracker is available here.](#)